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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7 and 13 – 19 are in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5 – 7, 13, 14, and 17 – 19 are currently amended; claims 8 – 12 and 20 – 34 are canceled; and claims 3, 4, 15, and 16 remain unchanged from the original versions thereof. Claims 1 and 13 are the independent claims herein.

No new matter has been added to the application as a result of the amendments submitted herewith. For example, support for the amendments to independent claims 1 and 13 is provided by the Specification at paragraphs [0088] – [0094] and FIG. 11.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brahm et al. U.S. Patent No. 7,103,167.

Applicant notes that independent claims 1 relates to a system including a first telephone; a plurality of other telephones associated with the first telephone, the first telephone capable of managing separate telephone calls simultaneously conducted by the first telephone and the plurality of other telephones associated with the first telephone; and a computing device coupled to the first telephone, the computing device to determine a telephone call received by the first telephone from a first one of the plurality of telephones is intended for a second one of the plurality of other telephones based on user-specified rules and to selectively route telephone call signals of a telephone call received by the first telephone to the first telephone and the plurality of other telephones based on user-specified rules. Independent claim 13 relates to method including receiving a telephone call by a first telephone from a first one of a plurality of other telephones associated with the first telephone, the first telephone capable of managing separate telephone calls simultaneously conducted by the first telephone and the plurality of other telephones; determining, by a computing device

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coupled to the first telephone, that the telephone call is intended for a second one of the plurality of other telephones based on user-specified rules;-selectively routing telephone call signals by the computing device to the first telephone based on user-specified rules; and routing the telephone signals from the first telephone to the second one of the plurality of telephones.

For all aspects of the claims, the Office cites and relies upon Brahm. In particular, the Office Action relies on the Brahm disclosed "called party's computer 110 and client 116" as evidence of the claimed computing device that selectively routes calls to or from a telephone.

Applicant respectfully notes that Brahm handset 132 is not the same as Applicant's claimed plurality of other telephones associated with the first telephone. handset 132 is disclosed as merely being a handset, not a telephone. Also, Brahm only discloses a single handset. Thus, Brahm fails to disclose the claimed plurality of other telephones associated with the first telephone.

Applicant also submits that there is no disclosure in Brahm that the telephone 112 is capable of managing separate telephone calls simultaneously conducted by the first telephone and the plurality of other telephones. In fact, the Brahm telephone 112 appears to have no functionality or capability for managing or controlling any other telephone since Brahm does not state telephone 112 manages calls to any other telephone. Telephone 112 appears to be a conventional stand-alone phone with no particular functionality or capability of managing calls for other telephones. Applicant notes that call signal routing is handled by the Brahm IAM system 124 and/or client application 116. However, again, telephone 112 has no capability of managing calls for other telephones. Further, there is no disclosure that either client application 116 or IAM 124 (or any other Brahm device) is capable of managing *separate telephone calls simultaneously conducted* by the first telephone and the plurality of other telephones.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claimed aspects of the claims 1 – 7 and 13 – 19 are not disclosed by the cited and relied upon Brahm.

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Accordingly, Applicant requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the pending claims based on Brahm under 35 USC 102(e).

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone (408) 492-5336.

Respectfully submitted,

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